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Applicant : FRIGON, Mark  
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Examiner : BETIT, Jacob F  
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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR OBTAINING INFORMATION RELATING TO  
THE EXISTENCE OF AT LEAST ONE OBJECT IN AN IMAGE**

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Commissioner for Patents  
via Facsimile

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Examiner Betit:

The Applicant respectfully reminds the Examiner that a Petition to Withdraw Attorney or Agent was filed with the Commissioner of Patents and dated June 2, 2009.

Regretfully, Applicant can no longer retain an attorney. Not being an attorney himself, Applicant gratefully requests the Examiner to assume only a basic understanding of patent law or the patent application process in all future communications. In the event of any future objections or rejections, whether they are due to informalities or substance, Applicant gratefully requests that Examiner's rationale be sufficiently clear for someone not schooled in patent law or patent application procedure to understand or further research the basis for such object or rejection.

Appl. No. 09/991,324  
Response dated 12/3/2009  
Reply to Office Action of 05/26/09

As requested in the Petition to Withdraw Attorney or Agent, all correspondence regarding the application should proceed directly with the inventor and applicant, Mark Frigon. For Examiner's ease of reference, the appropriate contact information as filed with the Commissioner of Patents through the Petition is repeated below:

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For the reasons explained in the Remarks/Arguments section (beginning on page 7), Applicant asserts that the claims as presented herein are patentable over the cited prior art and are therefore in condition for allowance. Should Examiner agree that the present invention is patentable material, but does not feel that the present claims are technically adequate, Applicant gratefully requests that the Examiner write acceptable claims pursuant to MPEP 707.07(j).

In response to the Office Action of May 26, 2009, please amend the application as detailed herein. **Amendments to Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper. **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper. In support of the Remarks/Arguments several Exhibits have been included which begin on page 16. Should the legibility of such exhibits deteriorate in the transmission of this response, Applicant can provide additional copies upon request.